

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Tilp House

and/or common 3417 Rhode Island Avenue

## 2. Location

street & number 3417 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elmer D. and Ronald E. Breeden

street &amp; number 3417 Rhode Island Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Rainier state and zip code Maryland 20712

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4364

street &amp; number Main Street folio 487

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 4010

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#68-13-

-24

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

3417 Rhode Island Avenue is a two story frame dwelling with an L-shaped plan with a gable and cross-gable roof (see slides #85, 86). The house is sited on the knoll on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street. The main (north) facade has a facade-wide porch that wraps around the north portion of the west facade at the first story. The porch is enclosed by a simple wooden bannister and turned newel posts support a standing-seem tin shed roof. The primary entry is at left of the north facade and a secondary entry faces north from the west facade projection. The main facade is fenestrated at the first story to the right of the entry with two, 1/1 double-hung sash windows. The second story contains three similar windows and the gable-end attic has one window of identical configuration. The southern portion of the west facade has a full height gable-end projection. At the first story of the projection is a three-sided, faceted projecting bay with three 1/1 sash double-hung windows. The second story and gable-end attic of the projection each have a single 1/1 double-hung sash window. The entire building is sheathed with asbestos shingles and the gable and cross-gable roof is covered with standing seem tin. With the possibly exception of the asbestos shingles of the facades, all other details and materials appear to be original.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1912

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### CONTRIBUTING

The single-family frame dwelling at 3417 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 7, Rhode Island Avenue addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the early 20th century character of the survey area. It is one of a group of dwellings of similar scale and appearance on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street.

Charles F. and Mary N. Tilp purchased Lot 7 already improved from Willard and Nancy Bigelow in May of 1913 (see Chain of Title). The building was apparently erected by 1912 when assessment records first indicate an improvement on Lot 7 valued at \$1,000.<sup>1</sup> The details of the wrap-around porch, fenestration and massing date to at least 1921 and appear to be original.<sup>2</sup> The house has been owned by Elmer D. and Ronald E. Breeden since 1974 and it appears to be presently unoccupied.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D.17, 1914, p.14.

<sup>2</sup> See Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1921, p.6; 1939, p.202, 1939 corrected to 1954, p.202.



Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
September 1986  
Not to Scale



